



# **Retiree Benefits Open Enrollment 2012**

**Effective: 1/1/2012 - 12/31/2012**

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**If you (and/or your dependent) have Medicare or will become eligible for Medicare in the next 12 months, a Federal law gives you more choices about your prescription drug coverage. Please see pages 14-15 for details.**

## **SUMMARY**

The information in this brochure is a general outline of the benefits offered under the City of Huntington Beach's benefits program. Specific details and plan limitations are provided in the Evidence of Coverage (EOC), which is based on the official Plan Documents that may include policies, contracts and plan procedures.

The EOC and Plan Documents contain all the specific provisions of the plans. In the event that information in this brochure differs from the Plan Documents, the Plan Documents will prevail.

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## **RETIREE BENEFITS PROGRAM 1/1/2012 THRU 12/31/2012**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The City of Huntington Beach takes pride in offering a Benefit Program that provides flexibility for the diverse and changing needs of our employees and retirees. The City offers retirees and their family members a full range of benefits including:

- Medical HMO Plans
- Medical PPO Plans
- Dental HMO Plan
- Dental PPO Plan
- Vision Plan

The City's Blue Shield medical plans will continue to be administered through CSAC-EIA. There will be slight changes to the current Blue Shield HMO (impacting the Emergency Room co-pay) and PPO plan (impacting the Office Visit and ER copay). Blue Shield HMO pharmacy benefits will now be administered by Medco and Blue Shield PPO pharmacy benefits will continue to be administered by Medco. Kaiser HMO benefits will remain in place and will not be a part of the CSAC EIA-Health Program. There is a change to the Kaiser HMO benefits (impacting Routine Physical Exams).

The Human Resources Department has taken many steps in providing easy access to health and benefit plan information. Please visit the City's internet site at [www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/retiree\\_benefits](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/retiree_benefits).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call our Employee Benefits Team:

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Jaymie Liu, Human Resources Analyst, (714) 536-5213 or

Brigitte Charles, Principal Human Resources Analyst, (714) 536-5917

Sincerely,

*Michele S. Carr*

*Director of Human Resources*

## **WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

Human Resources would like to take this opportunity to give you important information about the benefits being offered by the City of Huntington Beach for the 2012 calendar year. It is important that you use the following information to educate yourself about the open enrollment process, timeline and changes. The Open Enrollment period is from October 3, 2011 to 5:00 p.m., November 4, 2011.

In addition an Educational Forum has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 18, 2011 in the City Council Chambers from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. During this time, carrier representatives will provide an overview of City health plans.

### ***What can I do at this year's Open Enrollment?***

City of Huntington Beach benefit-eligible retirees can:

- Make changes to Medical, Dental, and Vision Plans
- Add or delete dependents
- Switch to a different Medical or Dental plan

### ***What do I have to do if I am NOT making changes?***

- Even if you are not making any changes, you need to indicate "no changes" on your confirmation statement for 2012 (Confirmation Statement) and verify the accuracy of personal data, especially social security numbers for dependents.

### ***How do I participate in Open Enrollment?***

- Submit all changes via a hard copy of your confirmation statement summary to Human Resources. Your benefit elections will be effective January 1, 2012. All changes must be received by Human Resources no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 4, 2011.

### ***What if I have questions or need assistance?***

- Call or e-mail:  
Barbara Pratt at (714) 375-8456, [bpratt@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:bpratt@surfcity-hb.org)  
Jaymie Liu at (714) 536-5213, [jaymie.liu@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:jaymie.liu@surfcity-hb.org)  
Brigitte Charles at (714) 536-5917, [bcharles@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:bcharles@surfcity-hb.org)

Note: Employee benefits staff are available for enrollment assistance.

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## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW (Cont'd)

### *What if I want to make changes throughout the year?*

- You can only make changes outside of Open Enrollment if you have a Qualifying Event.

To add dependents you have **31 days** from the Qualifying Event to submit an "Add Dependent" form to Human Resources. The Qualifying Event could be marriage, birth, adoption, a dependent becoming eligible, spouse losing coverage, etc.

- You are required to submit a "Delete Dependent" form to Human Resources within 60 days of a dependent becoming ineligible such as divorce, an overage dependent no longer eligible, etc. **Failure to do so can jeopardize your COBRA rights.**

## WHAT WILL HAPPEN ON JANUARY 1, 2012

### *What will be the same on January 1, 2012?*

- Benefit Carriers for all plans will remain the same.

### *What will change on January 1, 2012?*

- Magellan Behavioral Health (Magellan) will replace Mental Health Service Administrator (MHSA) as the mental health administrator for Blue Shield.
- As of January 1, 2012, members on the Blue Shield HMO plan will receive a separate pharmacy card from Medco. You will no longer be able to obtain prescriptions with your Blue Shield ID card. Remember to give your pharmacist the new Medco information when you have a new prescription or are getting a refill. Mail Order prescriptions will also use Medco. **You will need to contact your doctor and request that he send Medco a new prescription for your maintenance medications. Blue Shield cannot transfer your prescription to Medco.**
- See enclosed rate sheet for 2012 premiums.

## RULES FOR BENEFIT CHANGES DURING THE YEAR

Other than during annual open enrollment, you may only make changes to your benefit elections if you experience a qualified status change or qualify for a "special enrollment". If you qualify for a mid-year benefit change, you may be required to submit proof of the change or evidence of prior coverage.

### Qualified Status Changes include:

- **Change in legal marital status**, including marriage, divorce, legal separation, annulment, and death of a spouse.
- **Change in number of dependents**, including birth, adoption, placement for adoption, or death of a dependent child.
- **Change in employment status that affects benefit eligibility**, including the start or termination of employment by you, your spouse, or your dependent child.
- **Change in work schedule**, including an increase or decrease in hours of employment by you, your spouse, or your dependent child, including a switch between part-time and full-time employment that affects eligibility for benefits.

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## ***RULES FOR BENEFIT CHANGES DURING THE YEAR (Cont'd)***

- **Change in a child's dependent status**, either newly satisfying the requirements for dependent child status or ceasing to satisfy them.
- **Change in place of residence or worksite**, in which the change affects the accessibility of network providers.
- **Change in your health coverage or your spouse's coverage** attributable to your spouse's employment.
- **Change in an individual's eligibility for Medicare or Medicaid.**
- **A court order** resulting from a divorce, legal separation, annulment, or change in legal custody (including a Qualified Medical Child Support Order) requiring coverage for your child.
- **An event that is a "special enrollment" under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)** including acquisition of a new dependent by marriage, birth or adoption, or loss of coverage under another health insurance plan.
- **An event that is allowed under the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Reauthorization Act.** Under provisions of the Act, employees have 60 days after the following events to request enrollment if:
  - Employee or dependent loses eligibility for Medicaid (known as Medi-Cal in CA) or CHIP (known as Healthy Families in CA).
  - Employee or dependent becomes eligible to participate in a premium assistance program under Medicaid or CHIP.

### **Two rules apply when making changes to your benefits during the year:**

- Any change you make must be consistent with the change in status, AND
- You must make the change within 31 days of the date the event occurs (unless otherwise noted above).

## ***MEDICAL PROGRAM BENEFITS***

The *City of Huntington Beach's* goal is to provide you with affordable, quality health care benefits. Our medical benefits are designed to help maintain wellness and protect you and your family from major financial hardship in the event of illness or injury. The City of Huntington Beach offers a choice of medical plans through **Blue Shield and Kaiser Permanente.**

- **HMO (Health Maintenance Organization)** - The HMO plans offer comprehensive coverage. Care is provided or coordinated through each member's Primary Care Physician (PCP). **You have a choice between the Blue Shield HMO and the Kaiser plan.**
- **PPO (Preferred Provider Organization)** - The PPO plan is designed to provide choice--two levels of service, flexibility and value. Participants have a choice of using Preferred Providers (PPO provider) or going directly to any other physician (non-PPO provider) without a referral. Generally, there are annual deductibles to meet before benefits apply. You are also responsible for a certain percentage of the charges (co-insurance), and the plan pays the balance up to the agreed upon amount.


## ***PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM BENEFITS***

Employees who are enrolled in a Blue Shield HMO plan will now have their prescription drug coverage through Medco. Employees who are enrolled in the Blue Shield PPO and HSA plans will have prescription drug coverage through Medco. All of the plans offer access to a vast number of retail pharmacies. Retail pharmacies can be used if you are taking a drug on a short-term basis.

If you are taking prescription medications on a regular basis, you may save time and money by using a mail order pharmacy. Members save on out-of-pocket copay costs, and shipping is free for standard postal delivery. Blue Shield HMO members can now use Medco by Mail as their mail service pharmacy by calling (800) 711-0917. Blue Shield PPO and HDHP members can also use Medco by Mail by calling (800) 711-0917. Please refer to the schedule of benefits in this brochure for more information.




# MEDICAL PLAN FEATURES

	HMO OPTIONS SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS	
	BLUE SHIELD HMO	KAISER HMO
PLAN BENEFITS		
OFFICE VISITS	\$15 Copay \$30 Copay for self-referred specialist consultation	\$15 Copay
PRESCRIPTION DRUG (must use a participating retail pharmacy)	(up to a 30-day supply) \$10 Generic \$25 Brand \$45 Non-Formulary	(30-day supply) \$10 Generic \$20 Brand
PRESCRIPTION DRUG (Medco)* MAIL ORDER	(up to a 90-day supply)* \$20 Generic \$50 Brand \$90 Non-Formulary	(100-day supply) \$20 Generic \$40 Brand
EMERGENCY SERVICES	\$200 Copay (waived if admitted)	\$100 Copay (waived if admitted)
DEDUCTIBLE	None	None
MAXIMUM OUT-OF-POCKET Individual Family	\$1,000 \$2,000	\$1,500 \$3,000
LIFETIME MAXIMUM	Unlimited	Unlimited
ROUTINE PHYSICAL EXAMS	No Charge	\$15 Copay
CHIROPRACTIC	Not Covered	\$10 Copay (30 visits/calendar year)
VISION EXAM	No Charge	\$15 Copay (\$150 hardware allowance/24 months)
HOSPITAL SERVICES Inpatient Outpatient	\$100/Admit No Charge	No Charge \$15 per Procedure
OUTPATIENT LAB & X-RAY	No Charge	No Charge
SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM Inpatient Outpatient	\$100/Admit (detox only) \$15 Copay	No Charge (detox only) \$15 Copay Individual / \$5 Group
MENTAL HEALTH Inpatient Outpatient	See EOC	See EOC

\*For Medco information visit [www.Medco.com](http://www.Medco.com)

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# MEDICAL PLAN FEATURES

	BLUE SHIELD PPO PLAN	
	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
PLAN BENEFITS		
OFFICE VISITS/SPECIALIST VISIT	\$30 Copay/\$50 Copay	40%
PRESCRIPTION DRUG (Medco)* (up to a 30-day supply)	\$10 Generic \$20 Brand (\$100 brand deductible per member) \$50 Non-Formulary	Plan pays 100% of the allowable amount. Member pays copay (below), plus charges above allowable amount. \$10 Generic \$20 Brand (\$100 brand deductible per member) \$50 Non-Formulary
PRESCRIPTION DRUG (Medco)* MAIL ORDER (up to a 90-day supply)	\$20 Generic \$40 Brand (\$100 brand deductible per member) \$100 Non-Formulary	Not Covered
EMERGENCY SERVICES	\$200 / Visit + 20% (\$200 deductible waived if admitted)	
DEDUCTIBLE		
Individual	\$750	\$1,000
Family	\$1,500	\$2,000
MAXIMUM OUT-OF-POCKET		
Individual	\$3,000	\$10,000
Family	\$6,000	\$20,000
LIFETIME MAXIMUM	Unlimited	
DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	20%	40%
CHIROPRACTIC	20%	40%
	(15 visits per year combined with Acupuncture)	
HOSPITAL SERVICES		
Inpatient	20%	40% (Max \$600/Day)
Outpatient	20%	40% (Max \$350/Day)
OUTPATIENT LAB & X-RAY	\$25/Visit	40%
SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM		
Inpatient	20%	40% (Max \$600/Day)
Outpatient	\$25/Visit	40%
MENTAL HEALTH		
Inpatient	See EOC	See EOC
Outpatient	See EOC	See EOC

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	<b>BLUE SHIELD MEDICARE COB PLAN</b>	
	<b>PPO IN-NETWORK</b>	<b>Non-PPO OUT-OF-NETWORK</b>
PLAN BENEFITS		
OFFICE VISITS	No Charge	40%
PRESCRIPTION DRUG (Medco)* (30-day supply)	\$5 Generic \$15 Brand \$45 Non-Formulary	Plan pays 100% of the allowable amount. Member pays copay (below), plus charges above allowable amount. \$5 Generic \$15 Brand \$45 Non-Formulary
PRESCRIPTION DRUG (Medco)* MAIL ORDER (90-day supply)	\$10 Generic \$25 Brand \$90 Non-Formulary	Not Covered
EMERGENCY SERVICES	No Charge	
DEDUCTIBLE Individual Family	N/A	\$500 \$1,000
MAXIMUM OUT-OF-POCKET Individual Family	\$2,000 \$4,000	\$10,000 \$20,000
LIFETIME MAXIMUM	Unlimited	
DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	No Charge	40%
CHIROPRACTIC & ACCUPUNCTURE (Up to 20 visits, combined, per calendar year)	No Charge	40%
HOSPITAL SERVICES Inpatient Outpatient	No Charge No Charge	40% (Max \$600/Day) 40% (Max \$350/Day)
OUTPATIENT LAB & X-RAY	No Charge	40%
SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM Inpatient (For medical acute detoxification) Outpatient	No Charge No Charge	40% (Max \$600/Day) 40%
MENTAL HEALTH Inpatient Outpatient	See EOC	See EOC

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	<b>KAISER SENIOR ADVANTAGE</b>
	<b>KAISER HMO</b>
<b>PLAN BENEFITS</b>	
<b>OFFICE VISITS</b>	\$15 Copay
<b>PRESCRIPTION DRUG</b> (must use a participating retail pharmacy)	(30-day supply) \$10 Generic \$20 Brand
<b>PRESCRIPTION DRUG - MAIL ORDER*</b>	(100-day supply) \$20 Generic \$40 Brand
<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>	\$50 Copay (waived if admitted)
<b>DEDUCTIBLE</b>	None
<b>MAXIMUM OUT-OF-POCKET</b> Individual Family	\$1,500 \$3,000
<b>LIFETIME MAXIMUM</b>	Unlimited
<b>ROUTINE PHYSICAL EXAMS</b>	No Charge
<b>CHIROPRACTIC</b>	\$10 Copay (30 visits/calendar year)
<b>VISION EXAM</b>	\$15 Copay (\$150 hardware allowance/24 months)
<b>HOSPITAL SERVICES</b> Inpatient Outpatient	No Charge \$15 per Procedure
<b>OUTPATIENT LAB &amp; X-RAY</b>	No Charge
<b>SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM</b> Inpatient Outpatient	No Charge (detox only) \$15 Copay Individual / \$5 Group
<b>MENTAL HEALTH</b> Inpatient Outpatient	See EOC

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## DENTAL PLAN FEATURES

	DELTA DENTAL DENTAL PPO			DELTA DENTAL DENTAL HMO
	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK		IN-NETWORK ONLY
	PPO DENTISTS	NON-PPO DELTA DENTISTS	NON-DELTA DENTISTS*	
PLAN BENEFITS				
ANNUAL MAXIMUM	\$2,000 max. benefit			Unlimited
DEDUCTIBLE Individual Family	\$25 per person / \$75 per family			None
PREVENTIVE Exams X-Rays Cleanings Fluoride Treatment Space Maintainers	85% of PPO dentist's allowed fee (no deductible applies for these services)	85% of Delta dentist's allowed fee		No Charge
BASIC SERVICES Basic Restorative Endodontics Periodontics Sealants Simple Extractions	85% of PPO dentist's allowed fee	85% of Delta dentist's allowed fee		No Charge
MAJOR SERVICES Inlays, Onlays, Crowns  Prosthodontics  Implants	85% of PPO dentist's allowed fee	85% of Delta dentist's allowed fee		No Charge
	60% of PPO dentist's allowed fee	60% of Delta dentist's allowed fee		No Charge
	60% of PPO dentist's allowed fee	60% of Delta dentist's allowed fee		Not Applicable
ORTHODONTIA	60% of PPO dentist's allowed fee (subject to \$3000 lifetime max per person)	60% of Delta dentist's allowed fee (subject to \$3000 lifetime max per person)		\$500 copay + startup for normal 24 month treatment

\*Members will be responsible for the difference if non-Delta dentists charge more than Delta's allowed fees.

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## VISION PLAN FEATURES

	VISION SERVICE PLAN (VSP) VISION	
	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
PLAN BENEFITS		
<b>COPAY</b>	\$15	
<b>FREQUENCY</b> Examination Frame Lenses Contact Lenses (in lieu of lenses)	Every 12 months Every 12 months Every 12 months Every 12 months	
<b>EXAM</b> <i>(Dilation when necessary)</i>	Covered in full*	\$45 Allowance
<b>STANDARD LENSES</b> Single Vision Bifocal Trifocal	Covered in full*	\$45 Allowance \$65 Allowance \$85 Allowance
<b>FRAMES</b>	\$120 Allowance	\$47 Allowance
<b>LASER VISION CORRECTION (US LASER NETWORK)</b>	Discounts at participating facilities	N/A
<b>CONTACT LENSES:</b> Elective Medically Necessary	\$120 Allowance Covered in full	\$105 Allowance \$210 Allowance

\*Vision exam is covered once every 12 months at the \$15 copay. If a member requires lenses and has already paid the \$15 exam copay, then an additional \$15 is not required.

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## **HEALTH CARE REFORM**

### **PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (PPACA) DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

This group health plan believes the Kaiser Permanente HMO Health Plan is considered a "grandfathered health plan" under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (the Affordable Care Act). As permitted by the Affordable Care Act, a grandfathered health plan can preserve certain basic health coverage that was already in effect when that law was enacted. Being a grandfathered health plan means that your plan may not include certain consumer protections of the Affordable Care Act that apply to other plans, for example, the requirement for the provision of preventive health services without any cost sharing. However, grandfathered health plans must comply with certain other consumer protections in the Affordable Care Act, for example, the elimination of lifetime limits on benefits.

Questions regarding which protections apply and which protections do not apply to a grandfathered health plan and what might cause a plan to change from grandfathered health plan status can be directed to the plan administrator at (714) 536-5917. You may also contact the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor at 1-866-444-3272 or [www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform). This website has a table summarizing which protections do and do not apply to grandfathered health plans.

## **HEALTH CARE REFORM / REQUIRED FEDERAL NOTICES**

### **HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA)**

Your medical benefit plan may impose a preexisting condition exclusion upon enrollees age 19 and older. That means that if you are age 19 or older and have a medical condition before coming to our Plan, you might have to wait a certain period of time before the Plan will provide coverage for that condition. This exclusion applies only to conditions for which medical advice, diagnosis, care, or treatment was recommended or received within the 6 month period. Generally, this 6 month period ends the day before your coverage becomes effective. However, if you were in a waiting period for coverage, the 6 month period ends on the day before the waiting period begins. The preexisting condition exclusion does not apply to pregnancy.

This exclusion may last up to 12 months from your first day of coverage or, if you were in a waiting period, from the first day of your waiting period. However, you can reduce the length of this exclusion period by the number of days of your prior "creditable coverage." Most prior health coverage is creditable coverage and can be used to reduce the preexisting condition exclusion if you have not experienced a break in coverage of at least 63 days.

To reduce the exclusion period by your creditable coverage, you should provide the new carrier with a copy of any certificates of creditable coverage (HIPAA Certificates) you have. If you do not have a Certificate, but you do have prior health coverage, you can obtain one from your prior plan or issuer.

#### **Notice of Availability of HIPAA Privacy Notice**

The Federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA") requires that we periodically remind you of your right to receive a copy of the HIPAA Privacy Notice. You can request a copy of the Privacy Notice by contacting Human Resources.

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## **REQUIRED FEDERAL NOTICES (Cont'd)**

### **THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT (CHIPRA) OF 2009**

If you are eligible for health coverage from your employer, but are unable to afford the premiums, some States have premium assistance programs that can help pay for coverage. These States use funds from their Medicaid or CHIP programs to help people who are eligible for employer-sponsored health coverage, but need assistance in paying their health premiums.

If you or your dependents are already enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP, you can contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office to find out if premium assistance is available. If you or your dependents are NOT currently enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP, and you think you or any of your dependents might be eligible for either of these programs, you can contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office or dial **1-877-KIDS NOW** or **www.insurekidsnow.gov** to find out how to apply. If you qualify, you can ask the State if it has a program that might help you pay the premiums for an employer-sponsored plan.

Once it is determined that you or your dependents are eligible for premium assistance under Medicaid or CHIP, your employer's health plan is required to permit you and your dependents to enroll in the plan - as long as you and your dependents are eligible, but not already enrolled in the employer's plan. This is called a "special enrollment" opportunity, and **you must request coverage within 60 days of being determined eligible for premium assistance.**

If you live in California, you may be eligible for assistance paying your employer health plan premiums. This information is current as of January 31, 2011. You should contact your State for further information on eligibility-

#### **CALIFORNIA—MEDICAID**

Website: [http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Pages/TPLRD\\_CAU\\_cont.aspx](http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Pages/TPLRD_CAU_cont.aspx)

Phone: 866-298-8443

If you live outside of California, please contact either 877-KIDS-NOW or visit [www.insurekidsnow.gov](http://www.insurekidsnow.gov) to find your State's information.

### **THE WOMEN'S HEALTH AND CANCER RIGHTS ACT**

The Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act (WHCRA) requires employer groups to notify participants and beneficiaries of the group health plan, of their rights to mastectomy benefits under the plan. Participants and beneficiaries have rights to coverage to be provided in a manner determined in consultation with the attending Physician for:

- All stages of reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed;
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance;
- Prostheses; and
- Treatment of physical complications of the mastectomy, including lymphedema.

These benefits are subject to the same deductible and co-payments applicable to other medical and surgical benefits provided under this plan. You can contact your health plan's Member Services for more information.



### **Important Notice from City of Huntington Beach About Your Prescription Drug Coverage and Medicare**

Please read this notice carefully and keep it where you can find it. This notice has information about your current prescription drug coverage with City of Huntington Beach and about your options under Medicare's prescription drug coverage. This information can help you decide whether or not you want to join a Medicare drug plan. If you are considering joining, you should compare your current coverage, including which drugs are covered and at what cost, with the coverage and costs of the plans offering Medicare prescription drug coverage in your area. Information about where you can get help to make decisions about your prescription drug coverage is at the end of this notice.

There are two important things you need to know about your current coverage and Medicare's prescription drug coverage:

1. Medicare prescription drug coverage became available in 2006 to everyone with Medicare. You can get this coverage if you join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan or join a Medicare Advantage Plan (like an HMO or PPO) that offers prescription drug coverage. All Medicare drug plans provide at least a standard level of coverage set by Medicare. Some plans may also offer more coverage for a higher monthly premium.
2. The City of Huntington Beach has determined that the prescription drug coverage offered by the plan is, on average for all plan participants, expected to pay out as much as standard Medicare prescription drug coverage pays and is therefore considered Creditable Coverage. Because your existing coverage is Creditable Coverage, you can keep this coverage and not pay a higher premium (a penalty) if you later decide to join a Medicare drug plan.

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#### **When Can You Join A Medicare Drug Plan?**

You can join a Medicare drug plan when you first become eligible for Medicare and each year from October 15<sup>th</sup> through December 7<sup>th</sup>. However, if you lose your current creditable prescription drug coverage, through no fault of your own, you will also be eligible for a two (2) month Special Enrollment Period (SEP) to join a Medicare drug plan.

#### **What Happens To Your Current Coverage If You Decide to Join A Medicare Drug Plan?**

If you decide to join a Medicare drug plan and drop your current City of Huntington Beach prescription drug coverage, be aware that you and your dependents will not be able to get this coverage back.

*Please contact us for more information about what happens to your coverage if you enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan.*

#### **When Will You Pay A Higher Premium (Penalty) To Join A Medicare Drug Plan?**

You should also know that if you drop or lose your current coverage with City of Huntington Beach and don't join a Medicare drug plan within 63 continuous days after your current coverage ends, you may pay a higher premium (a penalty) to join a Medicare drug plan later. If you go 63 continuous days or longer without creditable prescription drug coverage, your monthly premium may go up by at least 1% of the Medicare base beneficiary premium per month for every month that you did not have that coverage. For example, if you go nineteen months without creditable coverage, your premium may consistently be at least 19% higher than the Medicare base beneficiary premium. You may have to pay this higher premium (a penalty) as long as you have Medicare prescription drug coverage. In addition, you may have to wait until the following October to join.

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## MEDICARE PART D (Cont'd)

### For More Information About Your Options Under Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage...

Contact the office listed below for further information. NOTE: You'll get this notice each year. You will also get it before the next period you can join a Medicare drug plan, and if this coverage through City of Huntington Beach changes. You also may request a copy of this notice at any time.

### For More Information About This Notice Or Your Current Prescription Drug Coverage...

More detailed information about Medicare plans that offer prescription drug coverage is in the "Medicare & You" handbook. You'll get a copy of the handbook in the mail every year from Medicare. You may also be contacted directly by Medicare drug plans.

For more information about Medicare prescription drug coverage:

- Visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)
- Call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see the inside back cover of your copy of the "Medicare & You" handbook for their telephone number) for personalized help
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

If you have limited income and resources, extra help paying for Medicare prescription drug coverage is available. For information about this extra help, visit Social Security on the web at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov), or call them at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

Remember: Keep this Creditable Coverage notice. If you decide to join one of the Medicare drug plans, you may be required to provide a copy of this notice when you join to show whether or not you have maintained creditable coverage and, therefore, whether or not you are required to pay a higher premium (a penalty).

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<b>Address:</b>	2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648
<b>Phone Number:</b>	(714) 375-8456

## HELPFUL TIPS TO SAVE YOU TIME AND MONEY

### *Take Advantage of the Mail Order Pharmacy Benefit! Why go to the pharmacy if you don't have to?*

Employees who are enrolled in the Blue Shield plans will have prescription drug coverage through Medco.

If you are taking prescription medications on a regular basis, you may save time and money by using a mail order pharmacy. You may be able to receive a 90-day supply for two co-payments and your prescription is mailed directly to your home. Members save on out-of-pocket copay costs and shipping is free for standard postal delivery. Blue Shield plan members can use Medco by Mail by calling (800) 711-0917 or visiting their website at [www.medco.com](http://www.medco.com).

### *Having Surgery and/or X-Rays this Year?*

If you are on the PPO plan, remember to ask your doctor if you are being referred to a Blue Shield -In-Network facility. Out of network hospitalizations are only covered at 60% and Blue Shield pays a maximum of \$350 per day (out-patient) or \$600 per day (in-patient). As always, verify that your surgery and/or x-ray has been pre-authorized by Blue Shield prior to your surgery and/or x-ray.

### *Prevention is the Best Medicine*

- All retirees and family members should be receiving the preventive services recommended for their age and gender.
- Everyone with chronic conditions (hypertension, asthma, diabetes, etc.) needs to follow all recommended care prescribed by your physician.

### *My Dental Bills are Painful!*

Dental bills can add up very quickly. If you are having dental work that will cost you more than \$200 ask the dentist to get pre-authorization prior to the service. The insurance company will notify you if the procedure will be covered, how much *they* will pay, and how much *you* will be responsible to pay.

### *I Need HELP with My Insurance*

Contact the customer service group for the appropriate carrier in the "Retiree Benefits Contact Information" Section.

## RETIREE BENEFITS CONTACT INFORMATION

### Human Resources – Employee Benefits

- Phone: (714) 375-8456, (714) 536-5213 or (714) 536-5917
- Fax: (714) 374-1743
- Email: [bpratt@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:bpratt@surfcity-hb.org)  
[jaymie.liu@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:jaymie.liu@surfcity-hb.org)  
[bcharles@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:bcharles@surfcity-hb.org)

### CalPERS Retirement

- [www.calpers.ca.gov](http://www.calpers.ca.gov)
- (Group #0097)  
(888) 225-7377 or (888) CAL-PERS

### Blue Shield (MEA, MEO, NA)

- [www.blueshieldca.com/csac](http://www.blueshieldca.com/csac)
- HMO Medical (Group #EH1009)  
(800) 642-6155
- PPO Medical (Group #E10055)  
(800) 642-6155
- Rx through Medco Pharmacy (All Medical Plans)  
(800) 711-0917

### Kaiser (MEA, MEO, NA)

- [www.kaiserpermanente.org](http://www.kaiserpermanente.org)
- (Group #227450)  
(800) 464-4000

### Dental

- [www.deltadentalins.com](http://www.deltadentalins.com)
- Delta Dental/DPO (Group #4729)  
(888) 335-8227
- Delta Care USA (Group #1575)  
(800) 422-4234

### Vision

- [www.vsp.com](http://www.vsp.com)
- (Group # 00105162)  
(800) 877-7195

Due to privacy issues and concerns, we strongly recommend contacting your insurance provider directly with regard to claims, replacement/lost cards, or coverage questions.

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